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Holiday Schedule for Thanksgiving Day

Montgomery County government will observe the following schedule for Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 26:

County Offices – closed

Libraries – closed

County liquor stores – closed

Recreation – all programs and facilities are closed

Montgomery Parks -- for holiday operating schedule on Parks' facilities, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks, tennis centers, trains and carousels, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org

Ride On – Sunday schedule

Metrobus – Sunday schedule

Metrorail – Sunday schedule

TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) -- closed

Refuse/recycling pickup – no collection*

Transfer Station – closed

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free

MCPS Administrative Offices – closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27

State offices and courts – closed

*Collection for Thursday and Friday provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday)

Chinese Dive Team to Perform in Montgomery County

Sunday, November 29 1:00pm

Germantown Swim Center

18000 Central Park Circle, Boyds

The Montgomery County Recreation Department will host the "East Meets West 2015 Dive Show" at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 29 at the Germantown Indoor Swim Center located at 18000 Central Park Circle in Boyds. The event will feature 12 members from China's Guangdong Provincial Diving Team who may become future Chinese Olympians. Chinese divers are recognized as the most skilled divers in the world.

The show will also include diving demonstrations from local top young divers and a clown diving exhibition. Live music will be performed by artist BT, a Rockville native, who was nominated for "Best Electronic/Dance Album" category at the 2011 GRAMMY Awards.

Tickets for the "East Meets West Dive Show" are available online at [ActiveMONTGOMERY](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgpportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15539), where you can set- up an account and purchase tickets. Tickets are first come, first served and are expected to sell out. For details, visit http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgpportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15539

Attention Damascus Residents and Businesses!

Planning Department and Upcounty Regional Services Center to Hold Community Meeting to Discuss Planning and Development in Damascus

Community open house & meeting will focus on goals of Damascus Master Plan and pending applications for new development in the area.

**Monday, November 30
Open House 6:00pm-7:00pm
Community Meeting 7:00pm-8:30pm
Baker Middle School Cafeteria
25400 Oak Drive, Damascus**

The Montgomery County Planning Department and the Upcounty Regional Service Office are co-hosting a community meeting to discuss pending development applications in Damascus and their relationship to the Damascus Master Plan.

Before the meeting, Planning staff will be available with maps and documents to answer questions. The first presentation will provide an overview of the Damascus Master Plan, followed by details of pending development applications for the Woodfield Commons apartment complex and the townhouses and detached homes of the Armstrong property. There will also be time for questions and comments.

For a brief background, go to: <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2015/11/25/planning-department-and-up-county-regional-services-center-will-hold-meeting-on-november-30-to-discuss-planning-and-development-in-damascus>

For more information about the Damascus Master Plan, go to:
http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/damascus/master_plans/2006/

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Leggett Spells Out Montgomery County Priorities for Upcoming Session of Maryland General Assembly

County Executive Ike Leggett today released Montgomery County's priorities for the session of the Maryland General Assembly due to convene in Annapolis on January 13, 2016.

Highlights of County priorities include increased State funding for school construction, transit, and roads, and support for ongoing County economic development and job initiatives. Both the County Executive and the County Council are opposed to any legislation that would privatize Local Liquor Control – which would undermine public health, stretch thin County law enforcement, and cost County taxpayers more than \$30 million a year.

[Click here](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OIR/priorities/2016.html) to see the full Montgomery County priorities or visit
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OIR/priorities/2016.html>

Leggett Announces January Forums to Get Public Input on FY17 County Operating Budget

County Executive Ike Leggett today announced the dates, times, and places of five budget forums to be held throughout the County in January.

The forums, held every year by Leggett to get public feedback on the upcoming County operating budget, are free and open to all. The County Executive will release his Recommended Operating Budget on March 15 for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2016. The forums begin with a briefing on the upcoming budget by the County Office of Management and Budget, followed by a conversation and questions-and-answers with the County Executive.

“Our County will continue to face considerable challenges in the budget year to come,” said County Executive Leggett. “The feedback I receive in these meetings is important as I shape my budget for the year to come. That’s why I have made a point of doing them every year since I assumed office as County Executive.”

The meetings, which all begin at 7 PM, are:

Wednesday, January 6 – Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring

Monday, January 11 – Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda

Wednesday, January 20 – Silver Spring Civic Center, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring

Thursday, January 21 – Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring

Monday, January 25 – BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

Rebuilding Together Announces Open Period for Applications

Rebuilding Together Montgomery County (RTMC) is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with community volunteers to provide free home repairs and accessibility modifications to help low-income homeowners remain safely and independently in their homes. Additionally, they support between 2-7 nonprofits a year by providing critical facility repairs and free playhouses at no cost to the selected 501c3 organization(s) through two programs: Facility Facelifts and Playhouses for Playgrounds. These two nonprofit programs are now open for applications! Additionally, RTMC is now taking new homeowner applications. If you, a family member or a neighbor are interested in their services, please complete the homeowner application which can be found online at www.rebuildingtogethermc.org

Questions? Contact: Lianna C. Harbeson, 301-947-9400 ext. 102 or at LHarbeson@rebuildingtogethermc.org

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>